



Week **Three.** H.O.S.T. GUIDE

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TRUTH TO LIVE BY

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Meeting Agenda

Welcome (10 minutes)

Take Attendance on sheet provided in H.O.S.T. kit. If you are an established group, you can continue to take attendance via the attendance reminder email.

Last call for T-shirts!

If your group has not yet submitted T-shirt sizes, please do so here.

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Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

Take a few minutes to have each group member answer the following question: *What is one favorite activity from childhood you wish you could do now?*

Introduction (5-10 minutes)

Please take the next few minutes to read the introduction and answer the starter questions found on page 18 of the Participant Guide.

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Into the Word (25 minutes)

Read through the Scripture passages and answer the questions on pages 19 and 20 of the Participant Guide.

For additional insight, refer to ***Into the Word H.O.S.T. Guidance*** on pages 4-6 of the Week Three H.O.S.T. Guide.

Application (25 minutes)

As a group, read and discuss the application questions on page 21 of the Participant Guide.

Closing (10 minutes)

Close out your time together by reading the Closing Prayer on page 22 of the Participant Guide.

Take a picture of your group with the caption “Better Together” and post it in your campus Facebook group. Your photo might be selected for an upcoming video.

Challenge your group to commit to pray the morning and evening prayer and journal a response each day this week. The prayers and journal space can be found on pages 23 and 24 of the Participant Guide.

Into the Word.

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1

READ ACTS 4:8-12

How is Peter's message here similar to his message in Acts 2:36-39? Notice Peter's increasing boldness before the scribes, elders and leaders. Of all Peter says in this passage, what one truth did he want them to know for certain? How is that truth still important for today?

GUIDANCE

Peter is addressing everyone. He is speaking to all the people of Israel, including the rulers and Elders of Israel. He is consistent in saying the same thing on both occasions to both groups. He is telling them that they bear responsibility for crucifying the Lord of glory. Jesus' identity, which they rejected, was proven true by Jesus being raised from the dead by God the Father. Peter is pointing out that Jesus is our only hope, and that we must repent of our sins and believe in Jesus, in order to be saved.

Into the Word.

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2

LOOKING AT LUKE 3:21-22

Were you surprised that Jesus himself was baptized? How does v.22 (the Spirit descending and the voice from heaven) help us understand the reason for Jesus' baptism? How do you think the people watching responded to the voice from heaven? How is Jesus' baptism relevant for today?

GUIDANCE

Jesus' baptism was not evidence of his need to repent nor to demonstrate a change of direction (as our baptism demonstrates for us). Jesus was sinless. His baptism was to provide a public demonstration of his deity, his Sonship, as the voice of the Father was heard and the descending Holy Spirit was seen. He was setting an example for us. If Jesus was willing to be baptized, why would we hesitate? Clearly, Jesus wants us to follow his example through being baptized.

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3

**READ PSALM 51:3-4,
9-10, 16-17**

What do these verses teach us about repentance and forgiveness? How would you describe what the psalmist means by a “broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart”?

GUIDANCE

When we sin, our sin is against God. Sin is rebellion against God’s truth. It is personal. The outcome of genuine confession is a restoration of joy and confidence in the presence of God. God is not asking us to make sacrifices, such as were done in the Old Testament. But the sacrifice God wants to see in us is a heart of contrition (remorse) and sorrow, a broken spirit (rather than proud or haughty).

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